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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of
Inventors: Jean-Marc Alexia, et al.

For: A SECURE FRANKING MACHINE

Enclosed are:

26 pages comprising the specification, 31 claims, and abstract.

6 sheets of drawings.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney (French/English - 4 pages).

A Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 03290755.2 filed March 25, 2003.

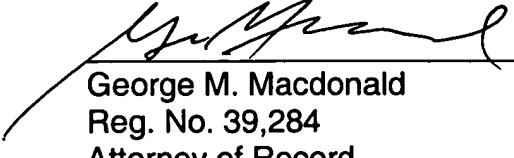
Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. section 119(a)-(d) or section 365 (b) to
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